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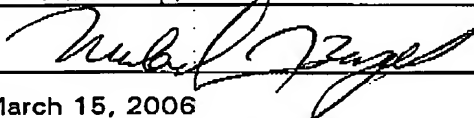
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RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

This response is being filed in reply to the official action mailed March 2, 2006. In that action, the Examiner required an election of species under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between the following alleged patentably distinct species of the invention:

- I. Species I, directed to the embodiment shown in Fig. 1;
- II. Species II, directed to the embodiments shown in Figs. 2a and 2b;
- III. Species III, directed to the embodiments shown in Figs. 3a and 3b; or
- IV. Species IV, directed to the embodiment shown in Fig. 5.

The Applicant elects to prosecute the species of the claimed invention shown in Fig. 1 of the drawings. The Applicant also elects claims 1-3, 5, 8, 10, 15 and 16 which are readable on the elected species of Fig. 1 to be prosecuted on the merits.

The Applicant does not waive any rights with respect to the non-elected species and claims and does not intend to abandon that subject matter. Should the Examiner makes the election requirement final, the Applicant respectfully requests that the non-elected species and claims be withdrawn from further consideration but remain in this application subject to reinstatement, in the event that a generic claim is allowed, or for possible filing of a divisional application(s).

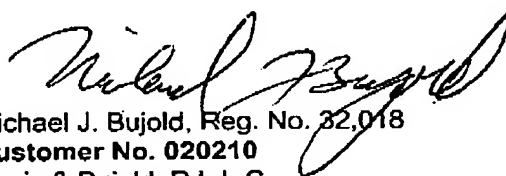
In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the outstanding election of species requirement should be withdrawn and examination of all claims pending in this application, on the merits, is respectfully requested at the present time.

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